

## **Mason County Sheriff's Dept. Seeks to Create K9 Unit**

### **Local News**

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**SHELTON, Wash.** - The Mason County Sheriff's Office is attempting to create a patrol K-9 team to assist in the effort to combat crime in Mason County. The K-9 team is a valuable asset to deputies and other law enforcement officers who are working diligently to protect the citizens of this County. The addition of a Patrol K9 team will enhance this agency's ability to track down, locate and capture wanted offenders in rural and urban environments. The deployment of a Patrol K9 will greatly enhance the safety of the citizens and law enforcement officers of Mason County. The Sheriff's Office currently relies on the generosity of other agencies for K9 assets. These extended response times and limited availability often lead to the escape of offenders, increasing risk to officers and citizens.

This team will be used as a locating tool to find suspects of serious crimes and aid in their capture. The K9 team will also be instrumental in the safe, thorough search of buildings and other hazardous areas and provide an added layer of protection for the law enforcement officers during these dangerous operations. In light of recent budget and staff reductions, the need for a Patrol K-9 is even more pressing.

The Sheriff's Office needs your support to make this effort a reality. The projected cost to start this program is \$25,000.00. Donations are being accepted from businesses, community organizations, and individuals to purchase the dog, and provide the necessary training and equipment to outfit the team. Donations of necessary equipment and supplies are welcome as well. Donations to this program will go directly to this effort and are tax deductible.

Sheriff Salisbury noted "Criminals fleeing from police apprehension present one of the greatest dangers to the public. A patrol tracking K-9 program is just what is needed to reduce the number of people who run from our deputies and capture the ones who do."

To obtain further information regarding this program or to donate to our effort contact:

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